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## Nurses in Independent Practice Handbook Released

The Division of Health Care Financing announces the first release of the Nurses in Independent Practice Handbook. This handbook is a newly developed guide to Wisconsin Medicaid private duty nursing (PDN) services for all Medicaid-certified nurses in independent practice (NIP). Providers should maintain and refer to this handbook in conjunction with the All-Provider Handbook and their service-specific publications.

The new Nurses in Independent Practice Handbook replaces the *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Updates* listed in the cover memo of the handbook. The cover memo also lists the *Updates* providers should retain and continue to use.

The new handbook contains information regarding Wisconsin Medicaid's policies for PDN services provided both to recipients who are and who are not dependent on a ventilator for life support.

### Obtaining the Handbook

As of January 2006, providers may access the new handbook on the Medicaid Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/).

In addition, all Medicaid-certified NIP will receive the Nurses in Independent Practice Handbook on CD in March 2006. This CD will also contain the revised All-Provider Handbook published in October 2005.

Providers may also call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 to request a paper copy.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/).

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